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SUBJECT:LETTER FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER

RITHAUDDEEN ON KOREA

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO THE FOREIGN
MINISTER.

2. BEGIN TEXT

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

I ENJOYED OUR MEETING IN NEW YORK LAST MONTH AND I
WOULD LIKE TO APOLOGIZE AGAIN FOR THE DELAY WE EXPERIENCED.
I HOPE THAT YOU HAD A SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO THIS COUNTRY AND
A PLEASANT FLIGHT HOME.

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I KNOW THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF KOREA WITH YOU PRIOR TO OUR MEETING. I WANT TO TELL YOU PERSONALLY THAT IT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE WE FACE IN THE UNITED NATIONS THIS YEAR.

DEBATE ON KOREA IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN OCTOBER 21, AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR POSITION WHICH IS A REASONABLE APPROACH FOR ENSURING PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. OUR RESOLUTION PROVIDES FOR THE TERMINATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND, SUBJECT ONLY TO THE MAINTENANCE OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND CALLS FOR A CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE PARTIES CONCERNED WITH THE ARMISTICE TO WORK OUT NEW MECHANISMS FOR MAINTAINING THE ARMISTICE AND THEN GO ON TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL STEPS TO REDUCE TENSIONS. IN MY SPEECH OF SEPTEMBER 22 I REITERATED OUR WILLINGNESS TO MEET WITH THE OTHER SIDE. BY CONTRAST, THE OTHER SIDE'S RESOLUTION CALLS FOR REMOVING THE UN COMMAND WITHOUT PROVISION FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE OTHER SIDE WOULD EXCLUDE THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FROM ANY DIALOGUE ON THE PENINSULA'S FUTURE. THE ALGERIAN RESOLUTION WOULD INTERFERE IN AN IMPORTANT BILATERAL US SECURITY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

IN ADDITION TO VOTES ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TWO RESOLUTIONS, WE FACE IMPORTANT PROCEDURAL ISSUES TO MAINTAIN THE VOTING PRIORITY OF OUR RESOLUTION. I FEEL THAT THE ONLY WAY TO ENCOURAGE THE OTHER SIDE TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE ON KOREA IS TO ASSURE THAT THEY UNDERSTAND THAT THEIR RIGID, UNCOMPROMISING POSITION IS NOT ENDORSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. WHILE WE WOULD HOPE FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR RESOLUTION, I URGE YOU TO INSTRUCT YOUR DELEGATION TO VOTE AGAINST THE ALGERIAN RESOLUTION AND TO SUPPORT US ON VOTING PRIORITY AND OTHER PROCEDURAL ISSUES WHICH MAY COME UP DURING THE DEBATE ON KOREA.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THE NEXT TIME YOU COME TO THE UNITED STATES.

-- SINCERE PERSONAL REGARDS,
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-- HENRY A. KISSINGER

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